

Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.

October 15, 2012

Chairman Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC, 20554



In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors,
CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the public and private schools and America's libraries, we write today to urge you to appoint Dr. Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors as the representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Anne Bryant, Executive Director for the National School Boards Association (NSBA), pursuant to § 54.501. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit this nomination.

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents represents all 277 superintendents and 165 assistant superintendents in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our function is to support superintendents and local communities in strong, effective public policy which advances the quality of public education for all children. Among our many interests is providing the tools and resources to maximize student outcomes. This includes our long supported mission of supporting the E-Rate program and its role in helping schools and libraries afford telecommunications connectivity.

Our advocacy for the E-Rate program is informed by AASA leadership on education technology and the E-Rate program. We strongly support nominating Dr. Domenech to the USAC Board; his leadership at AASA—and AASA's proven track record as an excellent advocate for the E-Rate program—make us confident that he will be a strong addition to the USAC Board.

With more than 40 years of experience in public education, Dr. Domenech has extensive education and leadership experience, including first-hand experience of the critical role of telecommunications and connectivity in schools. Further, his direct link to public school systems provides a sense of continuity when it comes to representing school system-level thoughts and opinions, as he would fill the spot currently held by the NSBA.

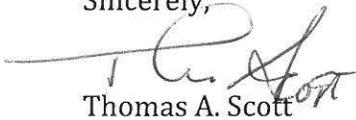
In today's increasingly global and competitive world, a top notch education and the building of lifelong learning skills require access to education technology, and Dr. Domenech is acutely aware of the crucial role the E-Rate program plays in helping schools and libraries afford telecommunications connectivity.

Beyond his years in the classroom, which include extensive teaching and leadership experience, Dr.

Domenech has served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, on the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, and on the Board of Overseers for the Baldrige Award. He is currently chair for Communities in Schools of Virginia, the Learning First Alliance, the Educational Research Service and the Board of Visitors for the College of Education at the University of West Georgia. He serves on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Student Clearinghouse, Americas Promise, the Center for Naval Analyses, and the Sea Research Foundation.

We respectfully request your approval of Dr. Domenech's nomination to the USAC Board of directors, representing schools that are eligible to receive discounts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Scott', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas A. Scott
Executive Director
Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents